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## WORK OF BURGLARS.

**They Visit Two Columbia Stores, Securing About One Hundred Dollars in Cash.**

### LOCAL THIEVES ARE SUSPECTED.

Last Thursday morning between two and four o'clock thieves entered the drug store of Dr. J. N. Page and the dry goods establishment of Russell & Co., both houses located on the square. Dr. Page's store was evidently visited first, an entrance being perfected through the basement. Here they were disappointed, as the Doctor had removed his cash from its accustomed place, and they only secured a few copper cent pieces.

Leaving Dr. Page's store, they went to the dry goods store of Russell & Co., and with the aid of a ladder entered a back window by breaking a window pane and unfastening the sash lock. This done it was easy access to the office where the safe is located, and which contained about three hundred dollars in cash, and which the proprietors believe was left unlocked. The money was in two drawers, and they were removed by the thieves from the safe and placed on the floor. Only one of the thieves got inside, the other one sat in the window, as the following statement shows: Mr. Sam F. White, who is the assistant postmaster, boards at the Hancock Hotel, located a few feet below the store, and he arose at 4 o'clock to go to the postoffice, as is his custom. Immediately after opening the hotel door he discovered a man at the store window and the thief evidently saw him, as he jumped to the ground and made his escape down the alley, and the one upon the inside quickly followed. It was too dark for Mr. White to recognize features, but he is almost positive that the parties were negroes.

Mr. White lost no time in notifying the proprietors, Messrs. Russell, Conover and Walker, and they soon reached the store. They made an investigation, but missed nothing but cash, about one hundred dollars taken from the safe. There is no doubt but all the money in the safe would have been taken had it not been for Mr. White's early rising.

The thieves were some time getting in their work, as Misses Bettie and Martha Hancock heard an unusual noise about 2 o'clock in the morning, went to the rooms of their aunt, Miss Sallie Dammron, and told her that they believed some one was trying to break in to the stores. Miss Dammron believing that they were unnecessarily alarmed, told them that it was noise in the cabin, and for them to return to their room. There is no definite clue, though several darkies have been closely interrogated as to their whereabouts during the night.

LATER.—Every day since the robbery local detectives have been at work on the case, and Saturday night Geo. Campbell and Jo Henry McAlary, both colored, were locked up as suspects. Ben Milan, another negro, believed to have taken part in the robbery, was kept out of jail for a purpose, and Sunday he confessed, implicating the other two. Monday McAlary told the whole story.

All the parties are in jail. The grand jury convenes the third Monday in this month. The amount of money stolen, according to the statement of McAlary, was \$87, \$16.00 of that amount having been recovered.

Credits due Mr. L. B. Hart and Sheriff W. B. Patterson for working up the case, getting the confessions and landing the parties behind the bars.

The days have begun to lengthen.

For a good chew or a delicious smoke, go to Triplett & Eubank's. 7-2t

The Spring term of the Lindsey-Wilson will open to-day. Students are rapidly coming in.

The examining trial of the parties who robbed Russell & Co's store is set for next Tuesday.

Lost,—between Columbia and Craycraft a pair of eye glasses. Finder will leave at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepherd entertained Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morrison Christmas day.

I will for a short time sell shipstuffs and bran at \$1 00 G. B. Smith-

Triplett & Eubank keep flour, meal, bacon and lard, in fact, everything in the way of provisions, etc. 7-2t

Mr Mark Wilson and family have removed to Gradyville. Mr. Wilson will engage in blacksmithing.

Dr. W. T. Grissom and family have taken charge of the M. & F. Dormitory, and are ready to receive boarders.

Triplett & Eubank's store is headquarters for all kinds of fruits. 7-2t

Rev. T. L. Hulse preached to very entertaining sermons at the Methodist church last Sunday forenoon and evening.

All parties indebted to T. E. Paull will please come forward and settle. 7-2t R. F. Paull, Ex'qr.

About twenty feet of belting was stolen from the Columbia Singletree Company last Saturday night. No clue to the thief

Since the robbery, it is plain to every body that the arc lights should be kept going the entire night. Thieves never get in their work until after midnight.

The young people say it was the dullest Christmas they ever experienced. There was not a social gathering in town and very few in the country.

Triplett & Eubank are undertakers and carry a complete stock over their store. 7-2t

Mr. J. D. Eubank sold his crop of tobacco at \$8.00 around. He has left a sample at this office and it is extra good.

It will be to your interest to visit Triplett & Eubank's new grocery store. Their complete stock is fresh and they are selling at short profits. 7-2t

Our calendars have come. If you want to secure one, come on with your subscription or renewal money. Those who have paid will receive calendars at an early date.

January 10th will be the first anniversary of Monticello R. A. Chapter. On that date degrees will be conferred and a banquet given. We acknowledge an invitation to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Murrell spread a delightful dinner last Monday, entertaining Mrs. J. W. Hurt, Mrs. Josh Butler, Mr. L. C. Hurt and wife, Mr. Golan Butler, Miss Amanda Butler and J. E. Murrell.

Gov. J. R. Hindman, Mr. W. D. King and Dr. W. R. Grissom desire, though the News, to return their sincere thanks to Miss Lorena Pile, who entertained them with a delightful repast a few evenings ago.

Tuesday night, the 24th inst. Mrs. E. V. Miller, Crocus, Adair county, presented her husband with a pair of twins, a boy and a girl. The boy weighed eight pounds and the girl seven and one half pounds. The mother and children are getting along finely.

## VISITED THE PARSON.

On Christmas Eve night a goodly number of the members of the Columbia Baptist Church surprised their pastor, Rev. J. C. Cook, by presenting him with a large quantity of goods that play an important part in the substantial and delicacies of the dining room. But little time had been given to the collection of the supplies, many members failing to hear of it, but within the short time every one who heard of the movement seemed to be anxious to help swell the baskets, though many failed to be present on account of business matters and engagements, at home. At any rate the contribution was large and covered nearly all of the useful table articles.

The collection of goods was at the residence of Mrs. Bettie W. Butler, and promptly at 7: p. m., the party proceeded to the parsonage where the deposit was made in the center of the living room.

Mr. G. P. Smythe made the presentation speech in his usual good manner, and Mr. Jo N. Conover and others gave the minister and his good wife expressions of good will and love. The speech of acceptance, by the pastor was full of sentiment and showed that it was received in the same spirit in which it was given. After the short talks music, appropriate to such an occasion, was indulged in, the handshake followed and the party dispersed, leaving the pastor and his loved ones happy in the knowledge that they are duly and truly appreciated by the members of his charge, while the donors felt that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

## CARDS OF THANKS.

I desire to return my heartfelt thanks to the many who so kindly and so willingly administered unto my husband during his illness, ending in death. In time of affliction and trouble friendship was wonderfully manifested, and so long as I live I will ever keep in memory those who so tenderly waited upon my husband during the dark and anxious hours of my life. Gratefully,

Lena Paull.

I want to express my everlasting gratitude to all those who were with me during the illness and death of my beloved daughter, Sallie. Like soldiers they stood about her bedside, and with tender hands and loving hearts they administered to her every want. When life ended it seemed that I could not bear to give her up. But consoling words from Bro. Kasey, who officiated at the funeral, convinced me that my daughter was not dead—her spirit had only departed—to live in the celestial city where sorrow and partings are unknown. It was gratifying to see many friends from a distance at the funeral, and the letters of condolence I have received from many, have made my burden lighter.

MRS. BELLE PATTERSON  
Jamestown, Ky.

## JOHN B. REYNOLDS DEAD

The subject of this notice was born and reared near Columbia, and just before leaving for the Territory had finished a four year term as jailer of Adair county. The Kiowa Chronicle says:

J. B. Reynolds was born in Adair county, near Columbia, Kentucky, February 18, 1852, and died in the Sanitarium at Sherman, Texas, at 5:35 a. m., December 24, 1907. He was married to Miss Mary A. Gill in Kentucky, February 10, 1875. He moved with his family to this country in December of 1894, and had been living in Kiowa since

March of 1896. He was a prominent business man and leading citizen of this city, being the founder, proprietor and for many years manager of the first hotel in the city, which is today in operation and known as the Reynolds House. In municipal affairs he was a most active and servicable factor, having served the city with marked ability and faithfulness in several official capacities, and was at the time of his death serving his second term as mayor of the city.

## FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

Walter Sullivan, who is well-known here, a former member of the band, met with a frightful accident at Russell Springs last Friday. He was at work on the roof of the bank building and in some way lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of twenty-five or thirty feet. He lit upon his back, and his fellow workmen thought at first he was fatally hurt, but upon examination it was found that no bones were broken, and in a short time Mr. Sullivan was walking about, and seemingly but little worsted.

## END OF A LONG LIFE.

Mrs. Amelia Wheat, who was eighty-odd years old, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Albert Murrell, who lives on the old Springfield road, last Wednesday night. She was the widow of Judge Eli Wheat, who was a citizen of Columbia for many years. The deceased had been in declining health for many months, and her death was not unexpected. She was an excellent Christian lady and was ready to meet her God. The interment was in the family burying ground.

Miss Corinne Dowell, daughter of Mr. T. W. Dowell, Green county, has just figured in a fruitless elopement. Last week she left her home in company with Albert Black for Jeffersonville where the couple expected to get married. A dispatch from the girl's father caused her detention, just as she stepped from the train at Louisville, and where she was held until her father could arrive. Mr. Dowell went to the city, returning Saturday with his daughter and the young man to whom she was to have been married. A gentleman who lives in the neighborhood has just informed the News that, in his opinion, the father will relent and that the couple will be married at home. Miss Dowell was in college here last year.

## HAMMONDS.

The death summon came to the home of Dr. L. F. and Rena Hammonds December the 21st, 1907, and claimed their darling little babe. God in his infinite love and wisdom saw fit to pluck the little bud from earth to transplant it in a fairer clime, there to bloom in the sweetest hours of paradise.

Little Mary Emma Hammond was born December the 18th, 1905, age 12 months and 3 days. A short funeral service was held at the Dunnville church by the Rev. W. J. Taylor and the little body was laid to rest in the Antioch cemetery. May the dear father and mother find comfort in the precious promise of God's word: "Goodbye sweet little Emma, and yet 'tis not goodbye, for thou art still with us and we are still with thee."

S. G. Ford.

The Gradyville Baptist Church has called Rev. J. C. Cook to the pastorate of that church for the present year, and he has accepted the call. He will preach there on the 4th Saturday and Sunday in each month. This gives him two Sundays at Columbia, one at Zion and one at Gradyville.

## DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY.

Thursday morning, December 26, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. Nancy O. Jones departed this life at her late home, near Middleburg, Ky.

The deceased had been in declining health for several months, but her death was sudden and unexpected. She sat up in bed, ate her breakfast, dying in a few minutes after eating. Heart failure was the cause of her demise.

The deceased was born and reared in Cumberland county, removing to Casey county after her marriage. Her husband died thirty-two years ago.

Mrs. Jones was the mother of Judge W. W. Jones, of this place, C. C. and Q. R. Jones, of Casey county, the only surviving children.

The deceased frequently visited her son here, and she was known to many residents of the town.

When quite a young woman she made a profession of her faith in Christ, united with the Baptist Church, living a consistent member until the final dissolution. Had she lived until next April she would have been seventy years old.

Funeral services were held Friday, conducted by Rev. Tilford, of the Baptist church, and the interment was in the Middleburg cemetery. In testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held, many attended the last sad rites.

## SOCIAL GATHERING.

Misses Betsey and Martha Hancock entertained a few of their friends last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Pearl Hindman, who will leave in a few days for Bowling Green, where she will enter school. The following were present;

Mr. Fred Hancock and wife; James Garnett, Mary Cartwright; Alec Chewing, Myrtle Myers; Tim Cravens, Margaret Todd; Robt Todd, Lillie Judd; Bruce Montgomery, Pearl Hindman; George Lowe, Betsey Hancock; Fred Hill, Martha Hancock.

The evening was delightfully spent in the game of "Lost Heir." Some excellent music was rendered and refreshments served. In fact the young folks are always pleased to spend the evening there, as the Misses Hancock are such splendid entertainers. x x

## THANKS.

Rev. A. R. Kasey, speaking for himself and family, desires to express his grateful thanks to members of his congregation, and other friends in Columbia for their kindly remembrance Christmas. There were many packages for table use, showing that Mr. Kasey and his estimable family are highly appreciated by the residents of this place. It is not what a person gives that makes a donation appreciated; it is the kindly spirit in which it is given, and in this case the recipients know that the gifts came from loving friends.

## WAYNE COUNTY WEDDING.

Mr. W. L. Penn, a prominent business man of Paducah, and Miss Leva A. Esdes, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Wayne county yesterday (Tuesday). The bride is a sister of Mrs. G. T. Flowers, Jr., this place. She has visited Columbia several times, making a number of friends. Mrs. Flowers has been with her sister several weeks, and was present when the rites were solemnized.

Dr. W. T. Grissom will remove from Bliss to Columbia this week. He will occupy a residence near the M. & F. College.